

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-27 are all the claims pending in the application.

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended each of the independent claims to recite that attacking clients are prevented from gaining access to the Internet, but that legitimate clients are allowed access to the Internet. The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest the present claims. For example, Yavatkar blocks all traffic, including legitimate traffic in response to an attack. Consequently, Yavatkar teaches away from the present claims, which permits legitimate traffic during an attack.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

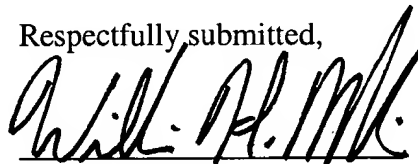
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